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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chiklis et al.

Examiner: Hankyel Park

Serial No.: 09/981,506

Art Unit: 1648

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Title: Nucleic Acid Amplification Controls

Request for Continued Examination

Amendment and Response

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, Applicants herewith file a request for continued examination and respond as follows.

Please note a new Power of Attorney is enclosed.

Amendments to the claims are presented on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks are presented on page 12.